

Claims

1. A post-foaming cleansing composition comprising at least one anionic surfactant, at least one non-ionic gelling agent and at least one post-foaming agent, characterised in that the ratio of anionic surfactant:non-ionic gelling agent is 4:1 or
5 greater such that during manufacture the gel rigidity of the composition remains substantially unchanged for at least 4 minutes after addition of the said post-foaming agent to the remainder of the composition.
2. A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1 wherein the non-ionic gelling agent is selected from any of the following either alone or in
10 combination:- laureth-2, laureth-4, C12/13 pareth-3, cetareth-4 or oleth-3 or one or more glycol esters.
3. A post-foaming cleansing composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the non-ionic gelling agent consists of laureth-4.
4. A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the non-
15 ionic gelling agent constitutes from about 0.01% to about 8.0% by weight of the total composition.
5. A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition comprises at least one anionic surfactant together with at least one amphoteric surfactant.
- 20 6. A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the total surfactant constitutes from about 0.01% to about 30.0% by weight of the total composition.

7. A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the post-foaming agent comprises at least one saturated aliphatic hydrocarbon having from 4 to 6 carbons.

8. A post-foaming cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the post-foaming agent constitutes from about 0.01% to about 14% by weight of the total composition.

9. A method for the manufacture of a cleansing composition comprising the steps of:- adding at least one non-ionic gelling agent to a mixture comprising at least one anionic surfactant, such that the ratio of anionic surfactant: non-ionic gelling agent is 4:1 or greater, combining the ensuing mixture with at least one post-foaming agent and filling the mixture into a package prior to a gel structure being formed and, wherein the gel rigidity of the composition remains substantially unchanged for at least 4 minutes after addition of the said post-foaming agent to the said mixture.

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